

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SALUTING THE SPIRIT OF WALTER PAYTON

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, yesterday was a sad day for everyone in Chicagoland and for everyone who loved sports. But it was also a sad day for everyone who cherished the life of a special man whose influence extended far beyond the stadiums in which he played.

With the death of Walter Payton, we not only have lost one of football's greatest stars, but we have also lost one of America's greatest citizens.

His nickname was "Sweetness," the perfect description for a Hall of Fame running-back whose silky smooth performance on the football field was the bane of most defenses.

There is no doubt that Walter Payton will be remembered for his records, especially his remarkable all-time rushing total of 16,726 yards over his 13-year career. More importantly, however, he will be remembered for the grace and dignity with which he carried himself both on and off the field.

A lifelong Chicago Bears fan, I have sat in the bitter cold of Soldier Field only to have my spirit warmed by Walter Payton's fierce determination and his amazing feats of athletic prowess. But I also saw the way he warmed people's hearts in his everyday life. He was someone who recognized the power of faith and the value of teamwork.

As a local business owner in my district, Walter Payton played an important role in the economic revitalization of downtown Aurora, IL. While he built a successful restaurant and created new jobs for the area, he also became an integral part of the community.

It was the same with the Bears. Walter Payton was the glue that often held a fractious team together. By his own example and leadership, he helped younger players meet new challenges, while at the same time encouraging veterans to reach new heights.

As a high school coach, I saw the way Walter Payton inspired young athletes to strive to do their best. He was a true role model because he exemplified an important life lesson that teaches us that success requires hard work, discipline, and concentration.

It was a philosophy that made him physically powerful and spiritually centered. And it should come as no surprise that he approached his recent illness head-on, with the same courage and grit he displayed on the field.

But there was another side to Walter Payton—the playful and mischievous side that delighted fans, friends, and teammates. Walter Payton had the confidence to live his life to the fullest. And he had the rare ability to make us revel in that life along with him.

Just last February, Walter Payton said: "It's just like football. You never know when or what your last play is going to be. You just

play it and play it because you love it. Same way with life. You live life because you love it. If you can't love it, you just give up hope."

Walter Payton never gave up hope. It is with fondness for that spirit that we remember him today and forever.

**HONORING JAMESSETTA A.
HALLEY-BOYCE, PH.D**

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Jamesetta A. Halley-Boyce.

Dr. Jamesetta A. Halley-Boyce, a native New Yorker received her Ph.D. in Health Care Services Administration from the Walden University of Indiana at Bloomington. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from Hunter College and her Master's from New York University. She holds a Certificate of Training from the Johnson and Johnson Fellows Program (Class of 1985) in Management for Executive Nurses, from the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business.

During her twenty-one year career with the Department of Veterans Affairs, she held increasingly more challenging assignments in nursing leadership positions as VA Medical Centers throughout the United States. Her last assignment was Chief of Nursing Service at the Brooklyn VAMC where her responsibilities included the delivery of nursing care at the Medical-Surgical Hospital on the Main Campus, the Ambulatory Care Clinic at Ryerson Street in Brooklyn and the St. Albans Extended Care Center in Queens, New York. Additionally, Dr. Halley-Boyce has served as Chief of Nursing at the VAMCs in Asheville, North Carolina, Northport, Long Island, New York, and East Orange, New Jersey. In 1987, Dr. Halley-Boyce appeared before the Committee on Veterans Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives, to give testimony as the Chief, Nursing Service member of a panel of VA field experts. The two-day hearings addressed the impact of the President's proposed fiscal year 1988 Veterans Administration Budget.

Recognized as a leader in the profession of Nursing, Dr. Halley-Boyce has held elected offices in the New Jersey State Nurses' Association, the New York State Nurses' Association's Council on Human Rights and the Inter-professional Relations Committee of the Medical Society of the County of Kings, Inc. She is past President of the Greater New York/Nassau/Suffolk Organization of Nurse Executives and is a previous Board Member of the New York State Organization of Nurse Executives. She is the only professional nurse on the Editorial Board of the Medical Herald, a National Urban Health Care Newspaper. Dr. Halley-Boyce is a recognized expert on quality management in the delivery of health care services and has lectured widely and pub-

lished on this subject. She has held numerous faculty appointments; at the Seton Hall University, the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Duke University, Thomas Edison State College, the State University Center at Stony Brook, and currently at the SUNY-Health Science Center at Brooklyn. In 1991, she founded the Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. Mentor Program partnership with the SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn College of Nursing and University Hospital's Department of Nursing Services. As a result of that Membership Program, several hundred student nurses at UHB and most recently at New York City Technical College, have successfully made the transition into the profession of nursing.

In October 1990, Dr. Halley-Boyce joined the State of New York Health Science Center at Brooklyn, Downstate Medical Center, as the Chief Nurse Executive Officer. She currently serves as the Interim Vice President for Hospital Affairs & Chief Executive Officer of University Hospital of Brooklyn. Dr. Halley-Boyce, a Diplomate of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) was appointed a member of the Regent's Advisory Council for the New York area in 1997. Dr. Halley-Boyce is also an active member of several other professional organizations on the national, state and local levels, including the National Association of Health Services Executives, the American Organization of Nurse Executives, American Nurses' Association, Sigma Theta Tau, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Chi Eta Phi Sorority.

In addition to her distinguished professional career and active membership in several professional organizations, Dr. Halley-Boyce has also received several awards for achievement, leadership and outstanding community service. Awards such as: Federal Executive Manager of the Year 1990, awarded by the Greater New York Federal Executive Board; The Community Service Award for Outstanding Contribution and Dedication to the Brooklyn Community by the HSCB/UHB Community Advisory Board; and the Women of Distinction Award by the YMCA of Brooklyn.

TRIBUTE TO WANGKAY FANG

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to WangKay Fang, a leader in the Hmong community who passed away on October 6, 1999 in Fresno. Mr. Fang left behind six brothers, nine sisters, five daughters, three sons and twelve grandchildren, along with many fellow countrymen and women.

Mr. Fang will forever be remembered as one of the respected Hmong leaders who spent his entire life dedicated to helping his fellow countrymen during and after the cold war in Laos. During the U.S./Vietnam War,

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